

Questions & Answers
Project Number: 554-11-815
Solicitation: VA259-12-R-0412
Replace Water Valves & Piping, Denver VAMC

- **QUESTION: Can we make a pre-bid/site visit mandatory?**

ANSWER: Any project can be made mandatory dependent upon the complexity and work environment. In this case it is in a hospital environment and working rules are different than working in another building or facility.

- Address where to send RFP:

- Electronic submissions to adrian.blackman@va.gov, page 48-49 on RFP also can hand deliver 3 copies (one original and two copies) of each proposal stated on cover of 1442.

- Pertinent Dates:

- Proposals due on 7/19/12 at 1 PM MST via email, hand carried 3 copies.

QUESTION: When discussing previous projects (in the submitted proposal) with Joint Venture contractors do contractors need to submit their JV paperwork as well in their proposal to validate the existence of the Joint Venture?

ANSWER: No Paperwork is required; confirm the name of the company and any pertinent individuals involved

- Set Aside:

QUESTION: What is the difference between original SDVOSB verification and SDVOSB re-verification? Verification is the first time vetbiz.gov certifies a contractor currently, re-verification happens after original verification.

- **If contractor is in re-verification they can still submit proposal but can't receive award until re-verification is complete.**

- Bid Guarantee & Payment/Performance Bonds:

- In section 10 on the 1442, it states the contractor will have performance/payment and bonds after award letter.

- Contractor shall begin performance within 10 days after **"Notice to Proceed"** and complete within 365 days.

QUESTION: Why are we replacing the valves/pipes?

ANSWER: Due to Corrosion. It was noted that galvanized steel may be present.

QUESTION: how old is the current system?

ANSWER: **Around 60 years old.**

QUESTION: Who reviews the CD's?

ANSWER: **THE VA**

QUESTION: Are there current electronic as-builts?

ANSWER: **NO electronic as- builts only paper as-builts.**

QUESTON: Are there structural/civil as-builts?

ANSWER: **no electronic structural/civil as-builts ONLY Paper.**

QUESTION: Will finishes be required to be put back?

ANSWER: **No Excavation areas will require the site to be replaced back to existing condition.**

QUESTION: Will the valves need to be replaced with the same sizes?

ANSWER: **YES**

QUESTION: Will there need to be a recreation of duct systems?

ANSWER: **No, just the replacement of the valve/pipe, in the existing location.**

➤ **Site Walk:**

On the site walk attendees saw the following areas:

Contractors viewed the area for the underground valve replacement in the parking lot.

Item #14 | Building #19, Research Building- Contractors viewed that the line has failed between building 1 and building 19. It needs to be either replaced/repared or redirected,

QUESTION: Is the line buried?

ANSWER: **YES**

QUESTION: Is it pumped condensation?

ANSWER: **YES**

QUESTION: Will scope consist of regarding dirt floor?

ANSWER: **No, just replace pipe.**

QUESTION: Will they come in contact with asbestos?

ANSWER: **No, it has been abated, however if the contractors encounters suspect ACM contact the COR immediately. Boiler plate item, the VA will abate**

QUESTION: Can the VA provide civil/AE plans where there may be digging near Bldg #19?

ANSWER: **We will provide the paper as builts we currently have to assist near BLDG #19.**

QUESTION: Can contractors bring in materials on the elevator?

ANSWER: **Yes, but for the daily work only. There will not be an assigned storage area. There is only one elevator that accesses the sub-basement.**

QUESTION: Is there a lay down area for materials?

ANSWER: The VA can try to find some space for materials depending on the work area but it is suggested to just bring what is needed at the time.

QUESTION: Are any areas Permit Required Confined Spaces?

ANSWER: No